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In re application of:

CHRISTELLER et al.

Application No.: 09/743,690

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For: CHIMERIC POLYPEPTIDES
ALLOWING EXPRESSION OF PLANT-
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.114

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Sir:

This Amendment and Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed August 21, 2003. A Petition for a one-month extension of time is submitted concurrently herewith in a separate paper to extend the time for response to on or before December 21, 2003. A Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 by Dr. John Christeller and an Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 accompany this response. Applicants respectfully request continued examination and

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Amdt. dated December 17, 2003

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reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the amendments and remarks presented herein. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.